

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4176, LGBTQI+ DATA INCLUSION ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5585, ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY-HEALTH ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7666, RESTORING HOPE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING ACT OF 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

SPEECH OF

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 22, 2022*

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, in his State of the Union Address this year, President Biden laid out his powerful "Unity Agenda."

This inspiring vision encompassed areas of broad bipartisan agreement on four of the biggest challenges we face.

And today, I proudly rise in support of legislation that forges important progress on three of the President's ambitious and unifying goals:

- improving mental health and addressing the opioid epidemic, with the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act;

- and intensifying the fight against cancer, with the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Health Act.

Today, the House will pass a package of critical resources to address our Nation's twin crises of mental health and the substance use disorders.

The CDC estimates that more than half of American adults will be diagnosed with a mental illness or disorder at some point in their lifetime.

At the same time, more than two million Americans suffer from an opioid use disorder—and our Nation has seen a 30 percent spike in overdose deaths from 2019 to 2020.

Families and communities are being torn apart—and we must act now.

Our Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act strengthens and expands more than 30 essential, life-saving initiatives: from crisis response, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; to treatments helping combat the opioid epidemic; and to behavioral health services for our children, to name just a few.

Let us salute the unyielding leaders of the Bipartisan Addiction and Mental Health Task Force: who have moved us all with their powerful personal stories of these issues have touched their lives.

And thank you to Energy & Commerce Chairman FRANK PALLONE for helping steer this crucial package to the Floor.

At the same time, the House will today pass legislation to supercharge our Nation's Cancer Moonshot.

Our hearts break for the hundreds of thousands of American families each year who lose a loved one to the scourge of cancer.

Six years ago, then-Vice President Biden inspired our Nation with his bold and personal leadership in the fight to defeat cancer.

And this year, as President, he has proudly reignited this ambitious initiative: redoubling our Nation's efforts to slash the cancer death rate in half over the next 25 years.

Thanks to the determined leadership of Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, the ARPA-H Act will accelerate innovation in medicine and technology: harnessing the power of American ingenuity; and fueling new breakthroughs in the search for a cure.

In doing so, we will take an important step to save lives—not only from cancer, but from additional devastating diseases such as ALS, Alzheimer's and diabetes.

In his inspiring State of the Union Address last March, President Biden called on the Congress to "show the Nation that we can come together and do big things."

And today, the House proudly answers that call—with strong, popular legislation that the American people want and deserve.

So I urge all Members to join together in a strong "aye" vote for these bipartisan bills, so we can prove that Congress still works For The People.

## RECOGNIZING NAVAL AIR STATION LEMOORE

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore on its 60th anniversary.

Construction of the Naval Air Base in 1960 brought an important military presence to the Central Valley. On July 8, 1961, thousands came to witness the commissioning of the base, as it became the largest air station on the West Coast. For the next sixty years, NAS Lemoore has been a fixture in the community.

Throughout its history, NAS Lemoore has been critical to the United States Military. The base has trained thousands of Navy pilots since its opening and has been a consistent source of innovation and testing of the newest military equipment. In 1998, NAS Lemoore was chosen to host the latest in Navy aircraft technology, the F/A 18 E/F Super Hornet, and in 2017, the F-35 Lightning II onsite. Today, NAS Lemoore is the Navy's largest master jet base.

NAS Lemoore has not only been vital to the U.S. Military, but it has also been a source of public service for Valley residents. Over the past sixty years, the base has hosted job fairs, partnered with the non-profit group Habitat for Humanity to build homes for veterans, and has hosted air shows featuring the Blue Angels among many other community-centered events.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in cele-

brating the 60th anniversary of Naval Air Station Lemoore.

## COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN PATSY MINK OF HAWAII ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TITLE IX

**HON. ED CASE**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join so many others in honoring the life and legacy of U.S. Congresswoman Patsy Takemoto Mink and the 50th Anniversary of her signature stamp on our nation, Title IX.

Born in Paia, Hawaii, Congresswoman Mink was a true pioneer in so many areas: the first female elected class president at Maui High School, the first Japanese-American woman admitted to the Hawaii bar in 1953, and the first woman of color ever elected to this body.

She experienced many firsts throughout her life but spent her career ensuring that she would not be the last. She is best remembered as the principal author of Title IX, where she fought successfully to end the gender discrimination in academics and athletics in federally funded education that she and so many others had endured.

A half century later, we see the results of her labor with nearly three million young women participating in high school sports across the country and 1.1 million female college graduates every year. For this, we owe her an immense amount of gratitude.

But it would be a true mistake to remember her only for this one singular accomplishment, for over her long and productive career she fought endlessly on so many fronts to end poverty, discrimination and injustice, advance the inherent right of all peoples and realize a more perfect union. And, as a true keiki o ka aina, child of the land, she always stayed true to her roots and her Hawaii home.

Mahalo nui loa, or thank you very much, on behalf of a grateful Nation and home.

## CELEBRATING 165 YEARS OF BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the one hundred and sixty-five years of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church located in Ann Arbor, Michigan as they host the Michigan Annual Conference of the Fourth Episcopal District of AME Churches. Their over one hundred and fifty years of service and dedication to our community is worthy of commendation.

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The AME Church is the oldest historically Black church denomination, founded by faith leaders who faced racial discrimination that would prevent African American worshippers from attending the same sermons as their white peers. Beginning with the first Church in Philadelphia, Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the AME churches expanded rapidly following the end of the Civil War and the emancipation of enslaved African Americans who sought a spiritual home. The Mission of the AME Church is to minister the social, spiritual, and physical development of all people.

Founded by John Wesley Brooks in 1857, Bethel AME is the oldest historically Black church in Washtenaw County. Since their humble beginnings in a shared worship space, they have been a welcoming a vibrant member of our diverse faith collaborative in Southeast Michigan. Currently led by Reverend Mashod A. Evans, Sr. Bethel AME is a beacon of the Ann Arbor community. Their work goes far beyond worship with their charitable work done throughout the county by the congregation. They arrange donation drives for agencies that assist our neighbors at all walks of life, run a literacy program for children, and host events that support the health of our entire community. The church and its members are dedicated to uplifting and bettering our community, and for that we are thankful for their nearly two centuries of service.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating one hundred and sixty-five years of Bethel AME Church. As the Fourth Episcopal District celebrates their one hundred and thirty sixth Michigan Annual Conference here in Ann Arbor, we welcome leaders and delegates representing over fifty churches from across this great state. I join with Bishop John F. White, Reverend Mashod A. Evans, and the entire congregation of Bethel AME and the Fourth Episcopal District in extending my best wishes and gratitude to all on this special day. We are grateful for Bethel AME's impactful work and wish them continued success in the coming years.

RECOGNIZING MATT McLOGAN  
AND HIS YEARS OF SERVICE AT  
GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

**HON. PETER MEIJER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. MEIJER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize West Michigan's own Grand Valley State University Vice President Matthew E. McLogan, who for nearly 35 years has delivered unparalleled leadership and expertise to our region's academic communities.

Originally hired in 1987, he is the longest serving executive officer in university history. Prior to his time at GVSU, Matt was a fixture in broadcast news and served honorably as Michigan's former Public Service Commissioner. He took the exceptional skillset he built in these professions and brought it to GVSU.

When Matt joined Grand Valley and became a Laker, the school's lone campus was home to just 8,000 students. Now, as of 2022, the Laker community has grown nearly threefold, boasting over 23,000 students across five lo-

cations. The university's technological centers, libraries, and resources are now the envy of competing institutions at home in West Michigan and across the Nation.

Having served through the previous four of five university presidents, Matt facilitated and witnessed firsthand Grand Valley State University's historic expansion. For years, he has been essential to the success of Grand Valley's executive leadership, playing a crucial role in government and alumni relations, the school's marketing programs, and as secretary to the Board of Trustees.

Matt maintains responsibility for some of the institution's most memorable accomplishments: the university's presence on Grand Rapids' famous Medical Mile, the school's unprecedented expansion, and game-changing additions requiring public support. Matt is known widely throughout our community as one of West Michigan's best promoters and academic professionals.

Largely due to the leadership and expertise of Vice President McLogan, Grand Valley State University is poised to continue unprecedented growth for many years to come. Matt has brought great fortune to the Lakers, and there is no doubt that the successes of his leadership have made a lasting impact on our community.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to take this time to recognize the accomplishments of this distinguished leader. I applaud Matt for his decades of selfless leadership and service to the Grand Valley community and can say with great certainty that his accomplishments will not soon be forgotten.

CELEBRATING THE MILITARY  
SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF  
LTC JASON MALONE

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the outstanding military service and retirement of Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Jason Malone. He has demonstrated a devotion to America throughout his long and distinguished military career in the U.S. Army and as a member of the Mississippi Army National Guard.

In 1995, LTC Malone completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training. Additional professional development training included the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Course (2000), Reserve Officer Training Corps (Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 2003), Armor Officer Basic Course (2003–2004), Advanced Military Transition Trainer Course, Combat Lifesavers Course (2008), Logistics Captain's Career Course (2008), Logistics Captain's Career Course (2009), Command General Staff College (2013–2014), Division Transportation Officer (2014), Joint Planners Course, and Airborne Course.

LTC Malone is proud of his military service. He served in the Mississippi Army National Guard (155th Armored Brigade) from January 1998 until May 2003. LTC Malone is a third generation 82nd Airborne Paratrooper. He led troops in combat as a Tank Platoon Leader with 3rd Infantry Division and Company Com-

mander in the 82nd ABN Division. LTC Malone was selected as an Infantry (enlisted active duty), an Armor Officer (Tanks) and a Logistics Officer. He was also selected for Battalion Command (declined due to family reasons). Additionally, LTC Malone was selected as one of twelve Division Transportation Officers in the U.S. Army. LTC Malone served on four combat tours, six months in Europe for Operation Atlantic Resolve (Russian Deterrence Operations) and is most proud to have always served in critical and the most sought-after positions in his field for the Army. Prior to retirement, LTC Malone served at the U.S. Central Command (USCENTCOM) from June 2018 until July 2022.

LTC Malone's combat tours were as follows: Iraq (Samarra) 2005–2006 as a Tank Platoon Leader (3rd Infantry Division), Iraq 2008–2009 (Mosul) as a Military Transition Trainer to the Iraqi Army, Afghanistan (Bagram) 2014–2015 as the Mobility Chief for all U.S. Forces-Afghanistan with the 3rd Infantry Division, and Iraq (Al Asad Airbase or AAAB) May–December 2011 as a Company Commander with the 82nd Airborne Division.

LTC Malone's proud and accomplished military service has earned him prestigious awards. His awards are the Bronze Star Medal (BSM) x three, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (DMSM) x two, the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) x three, the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) x two, and the Army Achievement Medal (AAM) x three.

LTC Malone is a graduate of Sallilo High School. In addition to his distinguished military accomplishments, LTC Malone earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice. He is the proud husband of his wife, Cheryl, and father to their three children, Hanna, Breanna, and Isaac. LTC Malone's parents are Steve Malone and Teri Kirkpatrick, both of whom have loved and supported him throughout his career.

COMMEMORATING THE NATIONAL  
FEDERAL PELL GRANT DAY

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Pell Grant Program.

All Americans, regardless of their income, should have the right to access quality education, which is invaluable for accessing good jobs, financial stability, and economic mobility. Throughout my career, I have strongly supported the Pell Grant Program, which provides direct financial assistance to low-income students to ensure they have the same access to higher education and opportunities for success as their higher-income peers.

Since its creation, more than 80 million students have received a Pell Grant. Today, nearly 7 million students are going to college with Pell Grants, including over 17,000 students in my district who are receiving \$71 million to pursue their higher education goals.

As a recipient of financial aid who couldn't have attended college without help, I understand the need for the federal government to ensure students have access to higher education. I believe that a college education—

whether from a vocational school, a community college, or a four-year college—should open doors for students, not weigh them down with insurmountable debt.

When the program was created 50 years ago with bipartisan support, it could cover more than 75 percent of the cost of earning a four-year degree at a public university. But today, it doesn't even cover 30 percent of the cost. That's why I've fought throughout my career to increase Pell Grant funding in order to help current and future students with the rising costs of higher education.

Our investment in the Pell Grant is an investment in our children's and our nation's future. As we mark 50 years of the Pell Grant program and recognize the success of graduates who have benefitted from it, I look forward to continuing my support for the program to ensure future students have access to invaluable opportunities without being saddled with burdensome loan debt.

I urge my colleagues to support the bipartisan resolution declaring June 23, 2022, as National Pell Grant Day, as well as to work towards protecting the right for all Americans to pursue a higher education should they choose, regardless of their financial status.

RECOGNIZING DR. CHRIS  
MARKWOOD

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is my honor and pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and best wishes to a gifted educator and devoted community leader, Dr. Chris Markwood, on his retirement as the President of Columbus State University (CSU). Dr. Markwood's retirement from three decades of work in higher education will be celebrated at a reception on June 23, 2022, at the Cunningham Conference Center in Columbus, Georgia.

Dr. Markwood earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science and History from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri. He then returned to his native state of Texas to earn his doctorate and a master's degree in Political Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Before beginning his tenure as President of Columbus State University, Dr. Markwood ascended to several distinguished higher education positions across the United States, including the inaugural Dean of the University of Central Oklahoma's College of Arts, Media & Design; interim chancellor at the University of Wisconsin-Superior; and provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

In June of 2015, Dr. Markwood joined Columbus State University as the institution's fifth president, where he implemented an ambitious plan to reconnect the university with the greater Columbus community of fostering "communiversity." During seven years of dedicated service, Dr. Markwood not only led CSU to achieve outstanding academic success but also oversaw the growth of community events such as Winter Fest, a holiday festival that brings thousands from the surrounding Columbus area to CSU's Main Campus every year

for a celebration of the many religions, cultures, and traditions that live in the hearts of the people of the Chattahoochee Valley. Dr. Markwood's philosophy of "communiversity" has certainly paid off, expanding the reach of the University into the greater Columbus area and forging bonds that have created new opportunities for students, graduates, and the businesses that serve as the economic backbone of the community. This includes CSU being among the inaugural group of University System of Georgia institutions offering the system's new nexus degree programs—designed to aid more Georgians in accessing careers in high-demand areas and to help employers identify highly qualified talent.

Under Dr. Markwood's leadership, Columbus State University has remained a mainstay in the U.S. News and World Report's ranking of regional public universities and the publication's mobility index. Other publications and websites have lauded the university's academic strengths in business, communication, nursing, and online degrees, as well as its military-friendly environment. Additionally, CSU has introduced nearly thirty new undergraduate and graduate degree offerings, a nearly equal number of new certificate programs, and modernized more than a dozen academic programs to better serve its students. This transformation was exemplified through several corporate-community-academic partnerships, such as the creation of new cybersecurity and robotics engineering programs in collaboration with TSYS, Fort Benning, and Pratt & Whitney. Moreover, under Dr. Markwood's tenure, CSU demonstrated its preeminence in the arts by launching a new film production degree in partnership with the Georgia Film Academy, and created Flat Rock Studio, a state-of-the-art film and television production campus, with support of Columbus' own W.C. Bradley. These robust community partnerships have positioned Columbus State University and its students extremely well for successful future careers in an expanding field of job opportunities.

Dr. Markwood has been honored both locally and statewide; in 2021, he received the Meritorious Public Service Medal from the Department of the Army—presented by Major Gen. Patrick Donahoe, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence and Fort Benning. He has also been included on Georgia Trend's 2022 list "100 Most Influential Georgians" which marked his sixth consecutive appearance among the handful of university presidents across the state to be included each year. Dr. Markwood currently serves as an executive committee member of the Peach Belt Conference, a member of the Georgia Council on Economic Education's Board of Trustees and the University System of Georgia's Comprehensive Administrative Review Steering Committee. He is also a longtime Rotarian and current member of the Columbus Rotary Club.

Dr. Markwood's official service at CSU will soon be coming to an end, but his dedication to helping others will continue. As a servant leader and man of faith, Dr. Markwood has shown a strong commitment to both serving students and improving the quality of life in the Chattahoochee Valley. Dr. Chris Markwood has accomplished much in his life, but none of it would have been possible without the grace of God; the love and support of his wife, Bridget, and their daughter, Reagan.

Nelson Mandela once said that "education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Dr. Chris Markwood has dedicated his life's work to educating scholars who will turn their passions into thriving careers that will improve our communities and change the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me along with the more than 730,000 residents of the Second Congressional District of Georgia in extending our sincerest appreciation and best wishes to Dr. Chris Markwood, and his family, upon the occasion of his retirement. Throughout his career, Dr. Markwood has done so much for so many for so long and we wish him the very best as he embarks upon the next chapter of his life.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PELL GRANT

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Pell Grant program.

When Congress created the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant in 1972, they did so to provide direct financial aid to working families, like my own, who faced numerous challenges in paying for college.

My parents arrived in the U.S. in pursuit of the promise of the American dream for themselves and their seven children.

When I was accepted into UC Berkeley, the question of how to pay for it loomed large over my parents and me. It took me 20 years to pay off my school loans, which I always considered an investment in myself.

However, at 17 years old, taking out student loans was terrifying. And these days, paying for college has only gotten harder. Most of the families receiving Pell Grants earn incomes of \$40,000 or less. That is why the federal Pell Grant program eases families' student loan burden and is critical to ensuring folks can pursue higher education.

My district is made of families like my own—working families trying to ensure their children have access to the economic mobility that college can provide. In the 38th district of California, a little over 15,000 students are receiving almost \$59,000,000 in Pell Grant awards. That's only a portion of the 7 million students that can attend college because of Pell Grants.

As we approach the 50-year mark on the Pell Grant program, I encourage the United States to celebrate "National Pell Grant Day" on June 23. Let us recognize the current students and successful graduates who have benefited from the program.

Madam Speaker, I hope we can count on another 50 years of bipartisan support for low-income students through the Pell Grant program. I urge my colleagues to support the bipartisan resolution declaring June 23, 2022, National Pell Grant Day this year, and in the future.

SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE ENHANCING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION THROUGH CAMPUS PLANNING ACT AND THE CAMPUS PREVENTION AND RECOVERY FOR STUDENTS ACT OF 2022

### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of legislation to address the mental health and substance use needs of our college students. Our Nation continues to struggle with adequately meeting these needs, resulting in devastating consequences for too many of our constituents.

Milwaukee has long been a magnet for higher education. Students from across the globe enter our city to attend any of our twelve colleges and universities. When students enroll, we must offer them the support they need to attend and successfully complete their education. This includes those who need additional physical health, mental health, and substance misuse services during this exciting yet trying time of life.

We know the need for mental health and substance misuse services is increasing in our communities. It is critical that we take steps to protect the mental health of all Americans, especially our college students. Across the country, young adults struggling with mental health and addiction lack access to the quality, on-campus treatment they desperately need. With an average of 1,100 suicides on campuses each year, suicide is currently the number two leading cause of death among college students.

Today, I am proud to join my colleagues in supporting the passage of H.R. 5407, the Enhancing Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Through Campus Planning Act, and H.R. 6493, the Campus Prevention and Recovery for Students Act. These bills will fund programs that better support students on our college campuses.

The Enhancing Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Through Campus Planning Act would authorize federal support to encourage campuses to establish comprehensive, evidence-based mental health and suicide prevention programs that meet their student populations' diverse and urgent needs.

Such plans would consider existing Federal and State efforts to address mental health and suicide prevention at higher education institutions. They must also align with existing federal and state programs, including those authorized under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act.

The Campus Prevention and Recovery for Students Act would mandate all college campuses receiving federal funding or participating in the federal student loan program to have in place evidence-based programs and policies that prevent alcohol and substance misuse by students and school employees.

The legislation would also increase authorized funding (to \$15 million annually) for federal grants, allowing institutions of higher education to implement and support evidence-based programs (including programs to improve access to treatment, referral for treatment services, or crisis intervention services)

that eliminate illegal substance use, decrease substance misuse, and improve public health and safety for students. Universities may utilize these funds for a range of new activities, including recovery support services, peer-to-peer counseling, and integration of campus-based health services that coordinate screening, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of mental, behavioral, and substance use disorders.

Our students are struggling. In my home state of Wisconsin, opioid misuse outnumbered national trends by half a percent. According to data from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, 3.5 percent of Wisconsin youth admit to misusing opioids. Implementing the measures outlined in these bills will help our schools and educators provide much-needed support to millions of college students throughout the country, including an estimated 68,000 in the Milwaukee area.

### RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PELL GRANT

### HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Pell Grant Program.

This program is aimed at ensuring that the door of educational opportunity is open to all students seeking higher education—regardless of economic background or income. The federal investment in Pell Grants is targeted to students with demonstrated financial need, with most families at incomes of \$40,000 or less. The investment pays off by increasing college completion and economic mobility. It's a legacy that I'm committed to protecting and expanding so that future generations can continue to reach their educational goals free from financial barriers or undue cost burdens.

For me, personally, this is also an important program. My folks were schoolteachers, and I could not have gone to college if it hadn't been for the help of my community and the assistance of financial aid. I look at education as the door to opportunity for a lot of families—including mine—and it's clear that financial aid is the key to that door.

Since the creation of the Pell Grant, more than 80 million students have felt the impact of this program firsthand. Last year, Pell Grants benefited 5,419 students attending our local colleges in the district that I have the honor of representing. At the University of Washington, more than 10,000 students across the university system are Pell recipients. Furthermore, at Washington State University, 26.9 percent of enrolled undergraduate students across the university system were eligible to receive a Pell Grant this past Fall.

As we recognize today as the 50-year mark of the Pell Grant program, I encourage all of us to not only celebrate this milestone, but to recognize the current students and successful graduates who have benefited from the program by telling their stories, encouraging the same access for future students, and resolving to continue support for this vital program for the next 50 years and beyond.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the bipartisan resolution

declaring June 23, 2022, National Pell Grant Day this year.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. HOLDER C. ESTES

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the life and outstanding service of World War II veteran Holder C. Estes. Mr. Estes was born on July 5, 1919, to Eli Hugh "E.H." and Lillian Jones Estes. His siblings were Fred Estes and Hoyle Estes. After the death of his first wife, E.H. married Verble Dozier on June 3, 1935. She had one son, Harold Sullins. Together, they had Joe Howard Estes, Margie Estes Cook, Maynor Estes Blackburn, Martha Estes Draper, Willie Gene Estes, Tommy Estes, Geneva Estes Melko, Hugh Allen Estes, Mary Estes Hallman, Robert Estes, and Janice Estes.

On August 29, 1936, Mr. Holder Estes married Mary Ruth Brooks. They had four children, Cecil Estes, Charlie Estes, Jimmy Estes, and Brenda Estes Spearman.

In life, Mr. Estes was a retired contractor and a brick mason for 35 years. He served as the treasurer for the Brick Masons-Plaster Union and was a former member of the Lee County School Board. Mr. Estes was also a member of the Eggville Church of Christ. Prior to this death, he was a member of the East Main Church of Christ.

Mr. Estes served his country in the U.S. Army from June 28, 1944, until February 9, 1946. He fought in World War II with honor and pride. His commitment to serving our great nation earned him the American Campaign Medal, the European-Africa-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victor Medal, the Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII, and the Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar.

Mr. Estes' medals and ribbons could not be found after his death. At the request of his sister, Mary Hallman, the office of U.S. Representative Trent Kelly submitted a request for replacement medals to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). We were honored to present the medals to members of Mr. Estes' family during a ceremony held at the Eggville Church of Christ.

Mr. Estes was a true hero who served our great Nation. He will always be remembered as a man who loved God, country, and family.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. KWEISI MFUME

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. MFUME. Madam Speaker, I rise today to explain how I would have voted on Roll Call Number 289, which was up for consideration on June 22, 2022. During the time I was on and off the floor last night, I discussed many bills and letters with my colleagues. In the midst of these discussions, I missed the opportunity to vote on H.R. 6538, a bill under the suspension of the rules. Had I been present,

I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Number 289.

RECOGNIZING CHRISTOPHER M.C. DEIBERT

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christopher M.C. Deibert for his 23 years with St. Mary Church in South Amboy and to wish him the best of luck in his new roles as Director of Sacred Music for the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen and Diocese of Metuchen Director of Diocesan Liturgical Music.

Following his undergraduate education, Mr. Deibert focused his graduate studies in church music and organ performance at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ as well as organ and harpsichord improvisation at The Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. Additionally, Mr. Deibert has studied under Brenda A. Day, Ronald W. Thayer, Bruce Neswick, Gerre Hancock, and William Porter.

A well-renowned and respected performer and music expert, Christopher Deibert has served on many organizations, including the Middlesex Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the Diocese of Metuchen Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, and the Royal School of Church Music, among others. He also offers university lectures and teaches at a private studio, and previously served as music department chair at Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville, NJ. He continues to share his talent and love of music with the community and has received well-deserved accolades for his work.

Mr. Deibert brought his experience and talents to St. Mary Church in South Amboy, NJ, founding the Music at St. Mary's concert series in 2001, which many in the public enjoy frequenting. Throughout his tenure at St. Mary's, he has served as Director of Music and Liturgy, Executive Director of the Music at St. Mary's series and Conductor of the St. Mary Chamber Orchestra. Mr. Deibert has also performed as an organist and has conducted the St. Mary Choral Society. His musical gift has been a joy to experience and will truly be missed by St. Mary's parish and visitors like myself.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to join with the parish community of St. Mary's in thanking Christopher M.C. Deibert for his years of exceptional leadership and congratulating him on his next endeavor. I am confident that the Diocese of Metuchen and the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen will appreciate his talents and I look forward to hearing of his continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. NORMA J. TORRES**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 287, YEA on Roll Call No. 288, and YEA on Roll Call No. 289.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF COLONEL MICHAEL F. BRESLIN

**HON. BARRY MOORE**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the service of Colonel Michael Breslin.

Over 30 years ago, Michael began a long and storied career in the U.S. Army. Michael began his career in 1992, attending flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama, where he learned to fly the U.S. Military's premier medium lift tactical transport aircraft, the UH-60 Black Hawk. Michael then went on to serve in a myriad of commands starting at Fort Campbell and Fort Bragg, then moving to several locations in Asia and Europe—ultimately becoming the Commander of the 1-214th Aviation Regiment in May 2005, where he served until May 2007.

At the conclusion of his service with the 214th Aviation regiment, Michael went on to earn his Master of Business Administration degree from Webster University. Upon completion of his degree, he assumed the position of Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization Operations Officer, where he established Army aviation policy and ensured compliance across all mission sets and components. He also went on to plan and execute four separate team deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan to assist deployed commanders and bring back evolving tactics to follow on units. Immediately following this assignment, he served as the Commander of the 1-228th Aviation Regiment in Central America.

In 2012, Michael was assigned to the Pentagon, where he served as the Chief, Current Operations, U.S. Army Aviation G3, and was responsible for the movement of over 1,000 aircraft in and out of numerous combat zones, sequencing all redeployed aircraft to the Reset program while ensuring Commanders were adequately resourced for their mission. While serving in this capacity, Michael simultaneously managed over 300 taskings over the course of his two-year assignment.

Michael was subsequently returned home to Alabama, where he served as Director, Army Medical Evacuation Propensity, defining and articulating Aeromedical Evacuation requirements for the entire U.S. Army. He also managed all programmatic efforts to sustain and improve the aeromedical evacuation fleet of over 600 aircraft, and he successfully collaborated with over twenty different entities—centered on the training, organizing and funding of the Army medical evacuation program.

Colonel Breslin's final assignment came in 2018 as he took on the title of Assistant Dean of the U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine. In this position, he oversees fourteen programs of instruction, including 37 staff members and over 2,000 students.

After 30 years of military service, Michael began his hard-earned and well-deserved retirement on June 1, 2022. Colonel Breslin represents the best of what this country has to offer. Michael and his family have given so much over the years, and I could not be prouder to pay tribute and honor his decades of selfless, dedicated service to our country.

PAYING RESPECTS TO DAVID FINGER THE CHIEF OF LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS AT THE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL

**HON. STENY H. HOYER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to Dave Finger of the National Volunteer Fire Council who passed away on June 3rd following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Prior to joining the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) as its Chief of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs in 2005, Dave served as the lead staffer on first responder issues for the Research and Technology Subcommittee of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Dave worked closely with my staff and the staff of my three fellow co-chairs of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus sharing input on legislation pending before the House Science Committee that benefited our nation's fire and emergency services.

As NVFC's Chief of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, Dave represented the interests of our nation's volunteer firefighters on Capitol Hill. His efforts played a critical role in the passage of federal legislation that not only advanced the health and safety of our nation's volunteer firefighters, but all firefighters and emergency services personnel.

Dave was the embodiment of collaboration. While his primary focus was always on advocating for the volunteer fire service, he understood the importance of working together with the other national fire organizations to advance a common agenda. Tributes from his colleagues expressed appreciation for his passion, integrity, and character. Cerebral in nature, he possessed a depth of knowledge and insight on the issues he championed. There was never a time when he walked into a meeting with Members of Congress or their staff unprepared; he was the consummate professional.

Dave was only forty-four when his life was cut short by cancer. He leaves behind his wife, Allison, and their two children: Vivienne, 7, and Sullivan, 2. He also leaves behind many friends and thousands of firefighters across the nation who owe him their deep gratitude for the work he performed on their behalf throughout his career.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my fellow Co-Chairs of the Congressional Fire Service Caucus, I extend my sympathies to Dave's family and to his colleagues at the National Volunteer Fire Council and throughout the fire and emergency services community for the loss of their loved one and friend.

RECOGNIZING THE TULARE-KINGS POLICE ACADEMY

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Tulare-Kings Police Academy at the College of the Sequoias on its 60th anniversary.

Since its inception in 1962, the Tulare-Kings Police Academy has been a vital part of training our future law enforcement officers in the Central Valley. The program initially began its operations out of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office and trained future recruits there for over a decade.

In 1973, the program moved to the College of the Sequoias campus in Visalia, providing even more access to young students looking to enter a career of public service. The program spent nearly forty years at the Visalia campus, with dozens of students graduating each year eager to begin protecting and serving the Central Valley. In 2010, the program made its most recent move into a state-of-the-art facility on the Hanford College of the Sequoias campus.

After sixty years of operation, the Tulare-Kings Police Academy has produced over 150 graduating classes from its programs across three different campuses. These men and women have gone on to protect our communities throughout the Valley. Their service has been a consistent display of duty, honor, and commitment to their communities—all traits instilled into them by the Tulare-Kings Police Academy.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Tulare-Kings Police Academy at the College of the Sequoias.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE VETERANS EQUAL ACCESS ACT

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Veterans Equal Access Act. This legislation would provide equal access to state-legal medical marijuana for veterans participating in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care by ending the harmful VA prohibition on doctors and healthcare providers giving opinions or recommendations on or completing forms for state-legal medical marijuana programs.

The cannabis laws in this country are broken, including our laws that govern veterans' access to medical cannabis. Many veterans report using cannabis for medical purposes as a substitute for prescription drugs. The VA National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) has acknowledged that veterans use cannabis to relieve symptoms of PTSD, and that in many states, PTSD is a qualifying condition for enrollment in medical cannabis programs.

Most states with state-legal medical cannabis programs require some sort of recommendation or approval from a medical provider for patients to enroll in the program. However, VA policy prevents VA physicians and care providers from any participation, including helping with the required paperwork or forms.

This forces veterans to seek care outside of the VA system to receive medical cannabis recommendations, which can interrupt continuity of care, lead to mistakes or gaps in care, and require veterans to pay out of pocket for addition physician visits. VA physicians

should not be denied the ability to offer a recommendation that they think may meet the needs of their patients.

Veterans should not be forced outside the VA system to seek treatment that is legal in their state.

The Veterans Equal Access Act would allow VA doctors and healthcare providers to give their opinions or recommendations on medical cannabis and to complete forms in compliance with state-legal medical marijuana programs.

I look forward to working with my co-lead, Representative BRIAN MAST, and my colleagues in the House and Senate to enact this legislation and provide equal access to state-legal medical cannabis for our veterans participating in VA health care.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL SCLERODERMA AWARENESS DAY

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the estimated 300,000 Americans living with Scleroderma, an autoimmune disease for which there is currently no cure, and we are unsure of its cause. The actions of individuals like Amy Gietzen and organizations such as the National Scleroderma Foundation have helped—and will continue to help—the community of individuals affected by Scleroderma spread awareness about this disease and work to advance research on a cure.

Scleroderma is an autoimmune disease that affects connective tissue and the vascular system through the excess production of collagen. A localized version of the disease can cause thickening and scarring of connective tissue, or fibrosis, in small areas of the skin. Scleroderma can also be systemic and result in fibrosis in the internal organs. Scleroderma can affect almost anyone and results in issues with the skin, muscles, joints, blood vessels, and in some cases, the heart, lungs, and esophagus. The disease is progressive, presents differently in every individual, and, in many cases, can be terminal.

Amy Gietzen, born and raised in Buffalo, NY, was diagnosed with Scleroderma when she was just 19 years old and has been living with the diagnosis ever since. Today, Ms. Gietzen is on the Board of Directors for the Buffalo chapter of the National Scleroderma Foundation, and she serves as the Chair of the Patient Education and Support Committee.

In addition to her involvement with the National Scleroderma Foundation, Ms. Gietzen is a columnist for the online publication Scleroderma News. She also travels across the country to speak publicly about her experiences with Scleroderma and her personal medical journey. In her quest to raise awareness for the disease, Ms. Gietzen has made it a priority to share her personal story and support others who receive a Scleroderma diagnosis.

Organizations like the National Scleroderma Foundation are similarly working to support those living with the disease. The National Scleroderma Foundation was founded in 1998 to “advance medical research, promote disease awareness, and provide support and education to people with scleroderma, their

families, and support networks.” The Foundation provides resources including research updates and support groups. The National Scleroderma Foundation is focused on building a sense of community and solidarity for those living with Scleroderma.

I am proud to join the National Scleroderma Foundation in recognizing June 2022 as National Scleroderma Awareness Month and celebrating National Scleroderma Awareness Day on June 29, 2022. Throughout this month, the National Scleroderma Foundation is promoting the “#tealforscleroderma” campaign. To show support for those living with Scleroderma and raise awareness about the disease, on June 29th, lights on the Peace Bridge, Niagara Falls, and The Electric Building in Buffalo will turn teal.

It is due to the efforts of individuals like Ms. Amy Gietzen that I speak on this matter today. I thank Ms. Gietzen for her perseverance in the face of this disease and her tireless work advocating for scientific advancements, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the courageous work of Ms. Amy Gietzen and the National Scleroderma Foundation and go #tealforscleroderma.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. SHETAL SHAH, MD, FAAP

#### HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. SUOZZI. Madam Speaker, as I near the end of my Congressional public service, I rise today to recognize my constituent Dr. Shetal Shah, MD, FAAP of Syosset, New York for his sustained and expert advocacy in support of children's health. During my tenure representing New York's third Congressional District, Dr. Shah has been an indispensable resource to my office—and the entire Long Island Congressional Delegation, on issues related to children.

As former Legislative Chairman of the Long Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and an expert in the intricacies of children's health insurance, Dr. Shah worked with my office to staunchly defend the gains in children's health insurance coverage made as a result of passage of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. His vigorous advocacy, in partnership with several national medical organizations, assisted our office and other members of New York State's Congressional Delegation in preserving core provisions of this landmark legislation, including the expansion of Medicaid and pediatric-specific tenets of the essential health care benefits package.

He has also worked to ensure reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program, which in New York insures almost 750,000 of our state's children. Dr. Shah has been a vocal supporter of the need to reauthorize this program since its inception and worked with myself and fellow members of Congress to reauthorize this incredibly successful program again in 2018, safeguarding health coverage and access for all children covered by Child Health Plus.

A national pediatric leader in advocacy and child health policy. He has articulated the importance of providing robust federal funding

for major programs which impact children across Long Island and the nation. These include the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education program, the PREEMIE Act, and the Emergency Medical Services for Children Act. His work has been a supporter of legislation to increase access to pediatric subspecialty care and provide loan repayment to pediatric subspecialty physicians who care for patients from medically underserved areas in those branches of medicine.

Through lectures and scholarly articles in the medical literature, Dr. Shah also outlined the need to modernize the Vaccines for Children Program, advocating for legislation that would create incentives for more physicians to participate and provide routine childhood immunizations. This work closely aligned with his work to increase Medicaid payments to those of Medicare, creating more equity for children throughout our federal healthcare system.

Throughout the COVID pandemic, Dr. Shah had served as a leader in the state on the pediatric implications of the pandemic. At the pandemic's onset, Dr. Shah—now serving as President of New York Chapter 2 of the American Academy of Pediatrics, helped support pediatric immunization efforts by allaying fears about COVID vaccines, combatted the omnipresent vaccine misinformation that appeared across social media, reinforced the importance of wearing a facemask to prevent virus transmission, provided timely updates on changes to COVID protocols to over 1500 pediatricians across Long Island. Though fighting the pandemic as frontline physician, Dr. Shah hand-delivered over 10,000 pieces of personal protective equipment to pediatricians across Brooklyn, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties. At a time when these resources were extremely scarce, these deliveries helped over 200 physicians across New York City and Long Island. In several cases, these deliveries allowed pediatric offices to stay open, so they could continue to care for children with chronic medical issues throughout the early months of the pandemic. Upon creation of the Paycheck Protection Program, he assisted practices representing over 100 physicians in applying, often working in their backyards so they could navigate the process of securing financial assistance and forestall layoffs or furloughs of office staff.

I was extremely proud to partner with Dr. Shah, who noticed that an initial draft of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, did not provide for payment of telehealth services for certain Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) and high deductible health plans. As these plans cover a large proportion of my constituents across New York State, my office served as an agent for New Yorkers, working to certify they could use telehealth to access healthcare during the stay-at-home period of 2020.

We should take special note that all of this work is done as a volunteer, and independent of Dr. Shah's work as a specialist in neonatal-perinatal medicine, providing care for the most critically-ill and premature infants in our state at a Regional Perinatal Center, New York's highest designation for a neonatal intensive care unit. This work, made harder by the challenges of the pandemic, is among the most emotionally and physically demanding specialties in medicine, and we are fortunate that we have dedicated newborn specialists like Dr. Shah caring for our most fragile New Yorkers.

For this work with my office, his leadership, dedication and service to the members and children of the Long Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the chapter received the coveted 2020 Outstanding Chapter Award during his presidency, their first such award in over 57 years.

Madam Speaker, as I prepare to leave Congress, I wish to thank constituents like Dr. Shah for volunteering his time, passion and energy to provide advice on children's health issues. He serves as an example of how strong partnerships between engaged representatives and local experts in their districts can achieve better health for children. He has been among my most trusted advisors over the past 6 years on Medicaid, vaccinations and all aspects of child health policy. I take this opportunity to congratulate him, and the Long Island Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics for their dutiful work on behalf of our children.

RECOGNIZING DR. PETER  
PETTINATO, VMD, ON BEING  
NAMED THE UNICO NATIONAL  
PRESIDENT

### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor Dr. Peter Pettinato, VMD, who will be named the UNICO National President at the group's annual convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Founded in 1922, UNICO is the largest Italian American service organization in the United States.

Peter was born in Carbondale Pennsylvania in 1962. He graduated from Carbondale Area Junior-Senior High School in 1980 as the valedictorian of his class. He continued his academic career at the Pennsylvania State University, University Park where he studied animal bioscience and chemistry. In May 1984, he graduated from Penn State with his Bachelor of Science degree and went on to attend graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated with his Veterinariae Medicinae Doctoris in 1989.

After receiving his VMD, he returned to Northeastern Pennsylvania and began working at the Carbondale Veterinary Hospital as a staff veterinarian. In July 1996, he joined Johnson Technical Institute as an instructor of veterinary technology and the staff veterinarian. Seeking to return to private practice, Peter opened his own clinic, French Hill Veterinary Clinic, in Greenfield Township in 1999, and he continues to own and operate the practice.

In 1989, Peter joined the Carbondale Chapter of UNICO, and over the past three decades, he has dedicated himself to the organization and truly embodied the motto of service above self. He was elected the president of Carbondale UNICO in 1996, and he has served as the secretary since July 2000. He has served as the governor of Pennsylvania District II twice. Additionally, he spent eight years as the secretary for the eastern region. He was elected 2nd vice president in 2018, 1st vice president in 2019, and executive vice president in 2021. He has also been both a trustee and secretary of the UNICO foundation.

Peter has dedicated his life to the service of others and is actively involved in his community in addition to his work with UNICO. He is a past president of the Northeastern PA Veterinary Medical Association and past president of the Board of Trustees of the Carbondale Public Library. He also participates in bringing theatrical productions to life in the region. He has served as president of both the Area Community Theater and the Coal Company Theater. He is the founder and president of the Royal Mutineers: A Fairly Talented Theater Company, and he is a member of the Ritz Company Players.

I am honored to congratulate Peter as he takes on this leadership role with UNICO National. May he have a successful and fulfilling tenure as president during which I know he will lead with intention and integrity.

### INTRODUCTION OF THE DEFENSE ACCESS ROADS IMPROVEMENT ACT

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Defense Access Roads Improvement Act," which would make commonsense reforms to reduce congestion outside military installations. The Defense Access Roads program is a unique partnership between the U.S. Departments of Defense and Transportation. Under the program, the Secretary of Defense designates civilian roadways that provide critical access for domestic military installations as Defense Access Roads, making them eligible for military construction funding transferred to the Department of Transportation for road improvements off base.

Military installations anchor communities across the nation, including California's Travis and Beale Air Force Bases in my Congressional district. The Defense Access Road Program ensures that the Department of Defense pays its fair share for maintenance, upkeep, or upgrades of roads impacted by military traffic and the constant movement of heavy equipment and vehicles.

My "Defense Access Roads Improvement Act" would create a new, public process for state, county, or municipal governments to petition the Department of Defense to designate new Defense Access Roads, unlocking military construction funding for needed roadway improvements off base. My bill would establish a new online database for designated Defense Access Roads and any federal funding requests outstanding, which improves public transparency and holds the Pentagon accountable. Lastly, my bill would also allow roads leading to commercial shipyards used by the U.S. Navy or Coast Guard to be designated as Defense Access Roads under the program, instead of just seaports as under current law.

As chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee, which oversees all U.S. military installations and the Defense Access Road Program, I am committed to securing additional federal investment in off-base infrastructure. As a senior member of both the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I plan to make



this legislation a top priority in future National Defense Authorization Acts and Highway Bills.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all Members to join me in cosponsoring the "Defense Access Roads Improvement Act."

HONORING DR. SANDRA HARRIS'  
70TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Sandra Harris of Ann Arbor, Michigan on the occasion of her 70th birthday. Her excellent service to our community is worthy of commendation.

Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Dr. Harris is a graduate of Mack Elementary, Forsythe Middle School, and Pioneer High School. She attended Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti where she earned four degrees: a bachelors, masters, specialists, and doctorate, all in the education field. She began her career at Ann Arbor Public Schools, serving in various roles, including as teacher, Vice Principal, Personnel Director, and Vocational Coordinator. Dr. Harris then went on to serve as Superintendent at Lincoln Consolidated Schools and the Oak Park School District before retiring. Coming out of retirement, Dr. Harris now serves as Dean Emerita and Director of Graduate Education at the School of Education at Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Harris' lifelong dedication to education exemplifies her passion for helping the youth in our community succeed and thrive. Her work has touched the lives of so many and her warmth and enthusiasm for helping others is made known wherever she goes. Even if she is busy, she always has time to mentor the next generation. Her commitment to our students has not gone unnoticed, and Dr. Harris is the recipient of multiple awards including the Women of Distinction Award from the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council, the Outstanding Professional Educator Award from the Ann Arbor Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, the Most Influential Women Award from Business Direct Weekly, and the Women of Courage-Women of Change Award from the Minerva Educational Development Foundation.

Dr. Sandra Harris has paved the way for young African American women in our community and is a trailblazer in educational leadership. She is the first African American to earn a Doctor of Education from Eastern Michigan University, the first African American to hold the position of Superintendent for Lincoln Consolidated Schools and the first African American to become a Dean at Concordia University. Additionally, she was the first female Superintendent at Oak Park School District. Dr. Harris is a member of the Ann Arbor Chapter of the Links, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, and the Second Baptist Church of Ann Arbor. Her continued involvement and outstanding contributions to our community are commendable, and I am proud to honor all her accomplishments here today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Dr. Sandra Harris on her

70th birthday. She is someone that I am proud to call my friend. I join with Sandra's family and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day.

HONORING THE LIFE OF  
REPRESENTATIVE LYNN WRIGHT

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mississippi State Representative Lynn Wright. Mr. Wright passed away on June 17, 2022, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was 69.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Loyd Wright, Sr. and Jo Etta Lipsey Wright. Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Ginger Howell Wright; sons, Josh Wright (Caroline), Jody Wright (Meredith) and Jonathan Wright (Pearl); brothers, Loyd Wright (Susan), Larry Wright (Kathy), Luther Wright (Penney) and Lane Wright (Carol); sister, Beth Wright Ludwig (Michael), and six grandchildren, Roper Penny, Thomas Wright, Levee Wright, Lydia Wright, Wellesley Wright and Landon Wright.

Lynn Wright graduated valedictorian from Carrollton High School (AL) in 1970, where he played football for Hall of Fame Coach Billy McGee. He went on to play football at the University of West Alabama where he helped lead the Tigers to a 22-7-3 overall record during his three years in Livingston, including an overall record of 8-1-2, and a trip to the NAIA Semifinals in 1972. After graduating from UWA in 1975, Mr. Wright began his coaching career in 1983 at McIntosh Academy, where he would serve as head coach through the 1987 season.

Mr. Wright has also coached five undefeated football teams and has put together winning streaks of 47 and 32 games. In addition to coaching, he also served as the Headmaster at Pickens Academy and won the AISA 2A Presidents Award for the Highest Academic School in its class. Mr. Wright is a 2003 inductee into the AISA Hall of Fame. He served in Education for 44 years. He also served as Headmaster and Head Coach at Jackson Academy and New Hope High School Principal. Mr. Wright was elected and served as Lowndes County (MS) Superintendent of Education from 2011-19 during which time the school district under his leadership received an 'A' rating from the state, and a state-of-the-art career technical center. Caledonia Elementary School and New Hope High School were also built under his leadership. In 2020, Mr. Wright was elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives District 37 and served as a Republican until his passing.

Pallbearers will be Steve Davis, Darrell Gregory, Tony Holmes, Sam McCorkle, Leo Wright and Steve Younger. Honorary Pallbearers are the Mississippi House of Representatives, former teammates, coaches and players and the Juanice Hayes Sunday School Class.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PELL GRANT

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Pell Grant Program. Congress first enacted this program in 1972 to ensure all students would have the same access to higher education and opportunities for success, regardless of their income.

Since then, the Pell Grant Program has evolved into the foundation of federal college assistance for students nationwide. It has become an essential tool for students in financial need to utilize in their pursuit of the American Dream, and it's working.

Over the last 50 years, more than 80 million students—including 7 million currently—have received a Pell Grant to pursue opportunities in higher education nationwide. In Washington's 5th Congressional District alone, Pell Grants have helped more than 19,000 students pursue degrees at one of Eastern Washington's prestigious college institutions by providing an incredible \$83 million in financial support during the 2020-21 academic year. The program has been especially impactful across the Washington State University system, where approximately 10,000 students received a Pell Grant to help pay for tuition.

This program has changed the lives of so many in Washington and across the country. Many of these bright minds will go on to earn their degree and become the next generation of entrepreneurs, innovators, and world leaders. All because this program gave them a chance that they may not have had 50 years ago.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating "National Pell Grant Day" today, June 23, and recognize both the students and successful graduates who have proved how special of an investment this program has become. Together, let us continue to teach our children that their circumstances do not define them, encourage them to chase their dreams, and celebrate this program that has provided support to so many.

RECOGNIZING BRUCE PLATZMAN

**HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 23, 2022*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bruce Platzman, a passionate entrepreneur and community leader who, as CEO and President of the furniture manufacturing company Affordable Interior Systems (AIS), has improved lives both locally and nationally over the last three decades.

Beginning his career as a salesperson, Bruce has been a worker in the furniture industry for over 35 years. In 1989 Bruce co-founded AIS and has been the driving engine for its rapid growth, ushering the company into the 21st century as a strong leader in the industry. Under his leadership, AIS has prioritized working with local groups, such as



Veterans agencies, on a regular basis. From customer service to product development, Bruce has never wavered in his commitment to making AIS a company that serves and centers people.

Bruce's passion for giving back isn't limited to his work with AIS. He serves on the board of directors at Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Mass Econ, and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and is also a board member of the North Central MA Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of North Central Massachusetts.

Madam Speaker, Bruce's commitment and love for our community doesn't stop there. At the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, Bruce led the AIS launch of Sew the Masks, a nationwide initiative to make and distribute high-quality facemasks. The program amassed almost 1,000 volunteers from 45 states and resulted in the donation of over 600,000 facemasks to first responders, frontline workers, and people in need.

The impact of Bruce's leadership cannot be understated. He has shown, time and time again, remarkable initiative and commitment to both Central Massachusetts and this country. Although Bruce is stepping back from his duties as CEO and President, I know he will continue to put forth his unwavering commitment to supporting and nurturing the communities he loves for years to come.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and all the people in whose lives Bruce has made a difference, it is my great honor to thank Bruce Platzman for his service to the people of Massachusetts and to congratulate him on his retirement.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 5274,  
THE PREVENT ACT OF 2021

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON  
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 5274, the Prevent Exposure to Narcotics and Toxics Act of 2021. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
Washington, DC, June 17, 2022.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,  
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 5274, the PREVENT ACT of 2021.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Sofia Guo.

Sincerely,  
PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,  
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 5274, PREVENT ACT OF 2021, AS ORDERED REPORTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY ON MAY 19, 2022

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2022	2022–2027	2022–2032
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	0	0	0
Revenues .....	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit .....	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays) .....	*	*	**

\* = between zero and \$500,000.  
\*\* = not estimated.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2033? No.

Mandate Effects:  
Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.  
Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 5274 would require Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to provide officer training on how to use containment devices to prevent secondary exposure to fentanyl and other potentially lethal substances. The bill also would require CBP to provide containment devices for officers, agents, and other personnel who are at risk of accidental exposure to synthetic opioids.

CBP is currently carrying out activities similar to those required by H.R. 5274. Thus, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would not have a significant cost; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Sofia Guo. The estimate was reviewed by Leo Lex, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 7174,  
THE NATIONAL COMPUTER  
FORENSICS INSTITUTE REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2022

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON  
OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Thursday, June 23, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 7174, the National Computer Forensics Institute Reauthorization Act of 2022. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
Washington, DC, June 23, 2022.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,  
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 7174, the National Computer Forensics Institute Reauthorization Act of 2022.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Madeleine Fox.

Sincerely,  
PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,  
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 7174, NATIONAL COMPUTER FORENSICS INSTITUTE REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2022, AS REPORTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY ON JUNE 17, 2022

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2022	2022–2027	2022–2032
Direct Spending (Outlays) ..	0	0	0
Revenues .....	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit .....	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays) .....	0	227	502

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2033? No.

Mandate Effects:  
Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.  
Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 7174 would reauthorize the National Computer Forensics Institute at the Department of Homeland Security through fiscal year 2032. The current authorization for this program expires at the end of fiscal year 2022. The bill would require the institute to update its curriculum to include investigating cybersecurity incidents, conducting forensic examinations, and using digital evidence in court. Also, the bill would require the institute to analyze how it could expand its capacity and to report to the Congress on its activities.

The Congress appropriated \$43 million for the institute in 2022. Using historical spending patterns and adjusting for inflation, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 7174 would cost \$227 million over the 2022–2027 period and an additional \$275 million after 2027; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION UNDER H.R. 7174

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—						
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2022–2027
National Computer Forensics Institute:							
Estimated Authorization .....	0	44	45	47	48	50	235
Estimated Outlays .....	0	38	45	47	48	50	227

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Madeleine Fox. The estimate was reviewed

by Leo Lex, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.